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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

THE NOTICE convening an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the 15th instant is hereby CANCELLED and the Meeting will NOT BE HELD.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1896. [684]

NOTICE.

A SERVICE OF PRAYER and INTERCESSION on behalf of the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN will be held in the Cathedral on THURSDAY AFTERNOON next, the 13th of March, at half past 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop BURTON. All who are in sympathy with the object are earnestly requested to attend.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [685]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE STEAMSHIP

Captain L. Madsen, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m. This steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEGSEN & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1896. [681]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

"THALES"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [686]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE STEAMSHIP

"SUNGKIANG,"
Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [687]

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

"HOHENZOLLERN,"
Captain P. Wetten, will leave for the above ports on or about THURSDAY, the 12th inst. For Further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [47]

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The Company's Steamship

"PREUSSEN,"
Captain Hagemann, due here with the outward German mailboat on the 11th inst., will leave for above place on or about 24 hours after arrival. For Further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [7]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

Captain F. L. Sommer, will be despatched for the above ports on or about SUNDAY, the 15th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1896. [688]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

Captain T. G. Scott, will be despatched above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th March.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1896. [683]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

"NESTOR,"
Captain Asquith, will be despatched above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [452]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO SHIPBUILDERS.

FROM LONDON, ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAIT.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARILLI & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1896. [685]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

STEAM FOR

PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID, LONDON, AND ANTWERP.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

"TOSA MARU,"
will be despatched above on or about the 30th inst.

To be followed by a steamer leaving Japan monthly.

For further information as to Freight, etc., apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [689]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

THE STEAMSHIP

"GLENSHIRE,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages under the above policy not later than the 21st inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1896. [688]

AUCTIONS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 60.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, THIS DAY, the 9th day of March, 1896, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1896. [687]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No. 1.
Inland Lot No. 1, 1871.

Lot No. 2.
Inland Lot No. 2, 1871.

Lot No. 3.
Inland Lot No. 3, 1871.

Lot No. 4.
Inland Lot No. 4, 1871.

Lot No. 5.
Inland Lot No. 5, 1871.

Lot No. 6.
Inland Lot No. 6, 1871.

Lot No. 7.
Inland Lot No. 7, 1871.

Lot No. 8.
Inland Lot No. 8, 1871.

Lot No. 9.
Inland Lot No. 9, 1871.

Lot No. 10.
Inland Lot No. 10, 1871.

Lot No. 11.
Inland Lot No. 11, 1871.

Lot No. 12.
Inland Lot No. 12, 1871.

Lot No. 13.
Inland Lot No. 13, 1871.

Lot No. 14.
Inland Lot No. 14, 1871.

Lot No. 15.
Inland Lot No. 15, 1871.

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Inland Lot No. 18, 1871.

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Inland Lot No. 62, 1871.

Lot No. 63.
Inland Lot No. 63, 1871.

Lot No. 64.
Inland Lot No. 64, 1871.

Lot No. 65.
Inland Lot No. 65, 1871.

Lot No. 66.
Inland Lot No. 66, 1871.

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [425]

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LAURENT PERREY.

KRUG, 1889.

PIERRE-HEIDESBACH, 1889.

PAUL DOMMIER, 1887.

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to be pure Cognac, the difference in price
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to be genuine when bought direct from us in
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1896.

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The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, MARCH 9th, 1896.

That a secret agreement or treaty has been
entered into by Russia and China has been
more than suspected for some time past, and
the N. C. Daily Press now publishes what
purports to be the genuine text thereof.
The communication has come through Chi-
nese channels, and it bears evidence of
authenticity. In its introductory remarks
our contemporary seems to assume that this
is the same treaty as that which Wang
Chun-chun took to Russia with him in the
latter part of 1894 when he went to convey
the Emperor Kwang Si's congratulations on
the accession of the Czar. Obviously, how-
ever, that is impossible, because the document
now under notice refers to conditions and
events which were non-existent at that time.

Wang Chun-chun's treaty was not ratified by
the Czar, the Russian Government deeming it
more advisable, for self evident reasons, that
it should remain a secret agreement or under-
standing not take the form of a definite
treaty. Consequently it was open to both
parties to deny that any such treaty
existed. Since that time the agreement
must have been reaffirmed and amplified,
but the probability is that it was still in-
tended to keep it on the footing of a secret
understanding and that its publication will
cause no small displeasure to the Govern-
ments of the two countries concerned.

Although it would not be correct to
say that the agreement renders China to
the level of a Russian protectorate it seems
that Russia's assistance in securing the re-
trocession of the Liaotung Peninsula is to
be paid for by China by very substantial
concessions indeed. She gives Russia the
use of all her harbours and allows her to
recruit her forces in Chinese territory,
and at Port Arthur, or, in the alterna-
tive, to be appointed to the Russian ships to
assist the Russian and Chinese officials in
their mutual intercourse. If China on her
part has difficulties with other Powers,
Russia is to use her endeavours to arrange
them, but if these good offices be of no effect
Russia is to give her help to China, before
other Powers, thereby binding firmly the
"alliance between the two countries." China
also grants Russian officers freedom of move-
ment on the eastern frontier of her posses-
sions of Fengtien and Kirin and permission
to navigate the Yalu river, with its several
affluents, along these provinces, either for
the purpose of trade or to assist China to
police the frontiers of the respective countries.

When the Siberian Railway is completed
Russia is to be permitted to build a branch
line to Tientsin or any other point that
may be chosen by Russia, and for the pro-
tection of the line against attack by other
Powers an island is to be ceded to Russia
which she is to be at liberty to fortify. For
the protection of Vladivostok and the
Siberian railway "some points" to the
south are to be ceded to Russia. If hostili-
ties break out between Russia and Japan
over Korea Russia is to be at liberty to
attack the western frontiers of Korea by the
Yalu River. China is to open markets for
Russian trade, so that Russian manufac-
tures may come into China in a countless
stream. Lastly, Russia, is to supply officers
to drill the Chinese troops.

It is said that the mission of Li Hung-
chang to Russia is not only for the purpose
of attending the Czar's coronation, but
is also in connection with the ratification of
this treaty or agreement, and it seems ex-
tremely probable. Our Shanghai contem-
porary asks whether our Government will
oppose the ratification, or will take compen-
sation in the Yangtze Valley and assist in
the partitioning of China. A preliminary
question, however, is whether there is any-
thing to justify opposition to the ratification.
No one, we think, will say it will not
be an excellent thing to have a railway
to Tientsin, even though it be in Russian
hands. As to the trading advantages
promised to Russia, they all inure to Great
Britain as well as Russia under the most
favoured nation clause. With regard to the
cession of an island to Russia for a fortified
coasting station, the only course we could
adopt if we felt our interests threatened
thereby would be to claim some equivalent
advantage for ourselves. China is at liberty
to dispose of her territory as she pleases,
unless, as in the case of Chusan, she has
entered into some special convention in
restraint of that liberty. We in Hongkong
want an extension of our Kowloon frontier
at China's expense, and we cannot admit
that it is the business of any other nation
than China and ourselves. Russia may
justifiably take up similar ground with
regard to the arrangements between China
and herself in the North. For Great Britain
to say to Russia that she shall not take such
and such territory or to China that she shall
not make such and such a concession would
be an impolitic proceeding. Russian ex-
pression may not be agreeable to Great
Britain, but it is not a thing that we should
try to oppose by force. What we should
do, rather, is to see that our own expansion
keeps pace with that of our rival; if the
pace becomes too hot the latter may then
be disposed to call a halt and discuss terms
of arrangement, just as she undertook, in
consideration of Great Britain's withdrawal
from Port Hamilton, that she would occupy
no part of Korea. At the present juncture
England might appropriately occupy Chusan
and, possibly, some island on the Korean
coast, the latter to be one more suitable for
a trading station and more easily defensible
than Port Hamilton.

Invitations have been issued for a St. Patrick's
Dance on the 16th inst.

The "Ban" Line steamer *Banlarly*, from
Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the
4th inst. for this port.

The C. N. Co. steamer *Changsha* left Port
Darwin on the 6th inst. for this port, and may
be expected here about the 15th inst.

The reappointment of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai
to be an unofficial member of the Legislative
Council on the expiry of his former appointment
is gazetted.

The proposal to raise the fee of the Board
of the Union Insurance Society of Canton,
Limited, from \$7,000 to \$12,000 has been
abandoned.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. A. Sed
has been appointed Deputy Registrar and
Appraiser of the Supreme Court with effect
from the 21st February.

The N. D. L. steamer *Preussen*, carrying the
German mails with dates from Berlin of the
10th Feb., left Singapore on the 6th inst., and
at noon, as the vessel was about to start,
Wednesday, the 11th inst.

The stamp revenue last month amounted to
\$19,014, showing a decrease of \$137 on the
amount collected in the corresponding month
over normal, though possibly, where there is
down to 55.07 per mille per annum. At first
night only it was as much as \$1,767. There are
no signs of any special reason for the low being
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A Chinaman arrived at Samang on the other
day from Singapore, with several children in
his possession which looked as new as to cause
suspicion of their spuriousness. Experts called
in by the police, found that eleven of the pieces
were false, upon which they were marked as
such and returned to the owner. The silver
in this counterfeit coin was not only good,
but even better in quality than that of the
genuine article. The owner failed only in
counterfeiting the locks of hair on the King's
image.

Referring to the high death rate at Singapore
the *Free Press* of the 26th February says—
"Although the weather has been hot and oppressive
for the past few days the death rate for last week
is down to 55.07 per mille per annum. At first
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The following returns of the average amount
of bank notes in circulation and of specie in
reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended
20th February, as certified by the Managers of
the respective Banks, are published—

Banks.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, Ltd.
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.
National Bank of China, Ltd.
Limited.
Total

Bank of India, Australia, and China, Ltd.
1,892,112 1,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.
6,172,288 2,500,000
National Bank of China, Ltd.
498,437 212,000
Total 8,562,837 3,712,000

The O. S. Co.'s steamer *Mowla*, from
Liverpool, left Singapore on the 6th inst., and
may be expected here about the 15th inst.

The liquidators are making a fourth payment
of \$1.25 per share in the distribution of the
assets of the Shanghai Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
in liquidation, making \$55.25 return on \$20
paid up.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai
Waterworks, the directors will recommend a
final dividend of 23a per share, payable at
exchange of 3s. 9d. per share. The
interim dividend paid in July last was 13a
at 3d.

The *Mercury* states that on his visit to Russia
Li Hung-chang is to be accompanied by Mr.
von Gierke, a Russian gentleman, who is to
assist Chinese Secretaries in the negotiations.
General von Gierke is a member of the
Polish. According to latest advice Li Hung-
chang and suite are due at Shanghai on the 12th
inst.

One of the self-imposed tasks Li Hung-chang
undertook when he went last year to Peking
was to head a subscription list amongst the
Princes and highest dignitaries of the Empire
to help the Chinese Government to recover the
Yamen Palace. A pretty large sum has been
subscribed in this way and work will begin next
month. —N. C. Daily News.

Native reports from Soochow, announce the
receipt by Governor Chao of that city of a
despatch from the Tzuang Yamen stating that
the government intend to curtail the privileges
conceded to Japanese in Soochow and Hang-
chow. The tone now adopted by the mandarins
towards the Japanese in Soochow is said to
have undergone a marked change in consequence.
—N. C. Daily News.

The following was communicated to the
Singapore press by the local Government on the
27th February.—"Information having been
received that the bill of health of the steamer
"Changsha" is being issued notifying that the
port of Hongkong is infected, and imposing
on all vessels arriving from Hongkong a
quarantine of 14 days, the local Government
has decided to issue a bill of health of the
last date of plague on board. The Health
Office has discretionary power to release vessels
before the expiration of the 14 days, if they
will accept of a bill of health of the last date
of the 28th day."—"The Straits Times"
of the 28th says—"It is improbable that the
regular mail steamers from Hongkong will be
quarantined at Singapore, unless there has been
on board a case of bubonic plague."

The memorial on Christian Missions, recently
presented to the Emperor, says the *Peking* and
Tientsin Times, was of a very important nature,
and we have no doubt that it will be read
with interest by our readers. It is a long
document, of the substance of its contents. The
idea of presenting some memorial was
thought of as long ago as 1890, though it was
not until 1894 that it was actually presented.
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The annual meeting of the Taku Tug and
Lighter Co., Limited, was held at Tientsin on
the 21st Feb. The report and the accounts
were adopted and passed. The working
account shows a credit balance of \$189,244.
The directors paid an interim dividend of 7
per cent. in July, and have paid a dividend of
\$47,000. They have also paid a dividend of
10 per cent. carry \$28,571 to reserve, and \$10,000
to fund for liquidation of dividends, and carry
forward to 1896 \$18,482. The Company's re-
serves are now—

Reserve fund 70,000
Depreciation account 129,298
Equalisation of dividend 21,000
Insurance fund 1,000
Carried forward 12,937
Total 215,232

Invitations have been issued for a St. Patrick's
Dance on the 16th inst.

The "Ban" Line steamer *Banlarly*, from
Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the
4th inst. for this port.

The C. N. Co. steamer *Changsha* left Port
Darwin on the 6th inst. for this port, and may
be expected here about the 15th inst.

The reappointment of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai
to be an unofficial member of the Legislative
Council on the expiry of his former appointment
is gazetted.

The proposal to raise the fee of the Board
of the Union Insurance Society of Canton,
Limited, from \$7,000 to \$12,000 has been
abandoned.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. A. Sed
has been appointed Deputy Registrar and
Appraiser of the Supreme Court with effect
from the 21st February.

The N. D. L. steamer *Preussen*, carrying the
German mails with dates from Berlin of the
10th Feb., left Singapore on the 6th inst., and
at noon, as the vessel was about to start,
Wednesday, the 11th inst.

The stamp revenue last month amounted to
\$19,014, showing a decrease of \$137 on the
amount collected in the corresponding month
over normal, though possibly, where there is
down to 55.07 per mille per annum. At first
night only it was as much as \$1,767. There are
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A Chinaman arrived at Samang on the other
day from Singapore, with several children in
his possession which looked as new as to cause
suspicion of their spuriousness. Experts called
in by the police, found that eleven of the pieces
were false, upon which they were marked as
such and returned to the owner. The silver
in this counterfeit coin was not only good,
but even better in quality than that of the
genuine article. The owner failed only in
counterfeiting the locks of hair on the King's
image.

Referring to the high death rate at Singapore
the *Free Press* of the 26th February says—
"Although the weather has been hot and oppressive
for the past few days the death rate for last week
is down to 55.07 per mille per annum. At first
night only it was as much as \$1,767. There are
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The following returns of the average amount
of bank notes in circulation and of specie in
reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended
20th February, as certified by the Managers of
the respective Banks, are published—

Banks.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, Ltd.
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.
National Bank of China, Ltd.
Limited.
Total

Bank of India, Australia, and China, Ltd.
1,892,112 1,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.
6,172,288 2,500,000
National Bank of China, Ltd.
498,437 212,000
Total 8,562,837 3,712,000

The first steamer of the Nippon Yusen
Company, the *Kure Maru*, is to sail
from Hongkong on the 30th March.

This afternoon the Happy Valley Race
Club held a meeting at 4.45 p.m. The Club
team will be—D. Wood, back; D. Lumsden,
W. M. Greenfield, and E. W. Townsend, three-
quarters; F. J. Deacon, and A. G. Jackson,
blowers; C. M. Adams, B. D. Sanders, H. W.
Blair, C. H. Forde, W. B. C. Stewart, and
H. W. Lockyer, forwards.

Super growers in the Philippines rejoice at
the fact that the growth of the latter article
unremunerative at present prices from exhaustion
of the soil and the heavy expense of fertilizers.
The Government has been considering an
appeal to sugar growers in the Philippines to
better themselves and take care. In the wild
days of the past many of them had to abandon
the sugar plantations, and the Government
turned to other accounts, or were sold up to meet
the demands of money lenders. The number
of sugar plantations in the islands has now fallen
off by about one half. In Spain, however, the
Government has been successful in the attempt
to encourage the sugar industry by bringing fresh land
under cultivation. But land suitable for the
purpose is limited in supply, so that the Govern-
ment of that line of industry is a question
of time. It is estimated that even the Govern-
ment bounties prove insufficient to meet the
cost of cultivation on a work-out soil.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow at
8 p.m.
The following is the order of the day—
Report of the Finance Committee.
Report of the Public Works Committee.

First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance
to amend the law relating to the registration of
births and deaths.
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his charge to look a shot from Mylie. The
ball went to Mylie, who cleverly shot it
between the posts and scored the third goal.
From this point the game was a very close
contest, and the efforts of the two sides were
frustrated with comparative ease. Once Blount got dangerously close
to goal, but his shot went far too high. Kow-
loon was attacking with the white flag, and
the victory of three goals to nil was heartily
cheered.

That the better team won there can be no
doubt. Kowloon was superior at all points of
the game, and was victorious in the result.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration).

SPRINGFIELD, 1888, Tuesday, Mar. 10.

TANOMA, 1888, Tuesday, Apr. 7.

VICTORIA, 1888, Tuesday, May 5.

THE Steamship.

Captain Mear, sailing at NOON, on TUESDAY,

the 10th March, will proceed to SHANGHAI,

KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C.,

and PACIFIC COAST.

Through Bill of Lading issued to Japan,

Pacific Coast, and to Canada and

United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States

Ports should be in duplicate, and one copy

must be sent forward by the steamer to the care

of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Rail-

road, Tacoma, Wash.

Freight bills to be sent to one Office (with address

marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to

sailing.

For further information as to Passage or

Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1896.

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION

COMPANY'S PACIFIC

STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1896

(Subject to Alteration).

CHITTAGONG, 1888, Saturday, 14th March.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED

STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship.

"OHITTAGONG" will be despatched hence for HONOLULU,

HAWAII, HONOLULU, PORTLAND,

OREGON, via KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA, on the

14th March.

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Ports should be in duplicate, and one copy

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of the Freight Agent, Oregon Railway and Navigation

Company, Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and

Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1896.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship.

"GHAEZE" will be despatched for the above

port on TUESDAY, the 11th March, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, AND

YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship.

"CARMAZEPHSHIRE" will be despatched as above

on or about the 7th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI DIRECT.

THE Steamship.

"PAOTING" will be despatched TO-DAY,

the 9th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1896.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI.

THE Steamship.

"APRIL" will be despatched for the above

port on or about the 10th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1896.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

NOTICE.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHÉRY, MADRAS,

CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI, HADRAMAUT,

KANSAS, AND BLACK SEA.

PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 18th March,

at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship

"MELBOURNE" Captain Bowdoin, with

Mail, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will

leave this Port for MARSEILLES via ports

of call WITHOUT TRANSIT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in

transit through Marseilles for the principal

ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon,

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.,

Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 17th

March. (Parcels not to be sent on board, they

must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents

and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Com-

pany's Office.

C. TOURNAIRE,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship.

"PANTALUS" will be despatched as above

on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1896.

"DOROTHEA RICKMERS" will be despatched as above

on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst.

For Freight, apply to

ALHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896.

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF

STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN, AND

HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship.

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